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TO: **Chief, Foreign Branch X**  
**Attention:** \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM: **Chief of Station, Vienna, Austria**

DATE: 25 March 1948

SUBJECT: GENERAL- **Operational**  
SPECIFIC- **Plans for Training W/T Operators**

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1. On the evening of 23 March 1948, [ ] arrived in Vienna in the company of [ ]. The next day a long discussion was held of the problem of training W/T operators for stay-behind purposes. [ ] and [ ] explained to [ ], [ ] and [ ] a number of the technical difficulties and answered some of the questions which have been bothering this station for some time in connection with future plans. We were particularly interested to learn that a good radio operator could adjust the set that the Communications Section issues so as to be able to reach England, and possibly even the United States. [ ] explained that in transmissions to distant control stations the skill of the operator and atmospheric conditions are factors which had to be taken into consideration. Under the present setup radio operators scheduled to transmit from Austria will be given a control station in Germany, although adjustment of the transmitting technique would permit the radio operator to reach more distant bases.

2. We discussed the individuals proposed tentatively as radio operators in NAVA-964, dated 25 February 1948. Unfortunately [ ] had recently left Vienna on a student trip to Paris and [ ] was in the hospital undergoing an operation. The radio store operator mentioned in paragraph 3 of the above communication could not be made available for an interview by [ ] during the short period [ ] and [ ] planned to stay in Vienna. We were able to arrange that [ ] interview and test out briefly the technical abilities and general suitability of [ ] and [ ].

3. After testing [ ], [ ] the following comments:

a. Subject has been studying radio theory and has studied Morse characters on paper, cannot recognize one from the other by ear, however.

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